

SONIC

THE COMIC

WITH

TAILS!

KNUCKLES!

COMPLETE
SONIC
STORY

PORKER
GETS THE
CHOP IN
THE
BIG
DECISION!



PLUS
ECCO THE DOLPHIN & ZONE!

SPIKES
THE BADNIK
PIN-UP!



CONTROL ZONE

Hey, Boomer!

Just because I'm a droid, it doesn't mean my circuits aren't choked by what's happening on the front cover (I always said I was a unique droid). Can Parker really be taking his final faltering steps as a freedom fighter? You'll just have to read the Sonic story, The Big Decision, to find out. Listen up 'cos here's what else is happening this issue...

Knuckles faces trouble aghoy in the Ghost Ship! The Shining Force are up against more weird goings on as the Curse of Zeon continues, plus it's time for Tails to 'turn and burn' in part four of Fox on the Run. There's a Spikes Badnik Pin up for your walls and the Q Zone brings you hints and tips from the classic Ecco the Dolphin game.

No Boomer worth their weight in gold rings would pass up the next megacircus issue! STC 77 comes complete with **FREE** Button Covers (see the Next Issue page). Speaking of which, it's about time I buttoned up, so see you all in two weeks!

Megadroid

STREET CRED!

Back in issue 67, STC joined in the 35th Anniversary celebrations of the UK's best known street. The Coronation Street Cribbs Compa invited Boomers to name the Street's famous pub, which is of course, The Rovers Return.

The following 30 winners will each receive a much sought after Jack & Vera T-shirt (XL size only):-

Emma Ashworth, Blackpool, Lancs.
Emma Brooking, Tooting Bec, London.
Benjamin Clabson, Bradford, W. Yorks.
Margaret Crowley, Co. Cork, Rep of Ireland.
Ms K Day, Stearnmarket, Suffolk.
David Downing, Telford, Shropshire.
Nicholas Farwell, Portsmouth, Hants.
Keris Gaynes, Bradford.
Kier Gough, Birstall, Nottingham.
Ben Halling, Putney, Bedford.
Ronald Malar, Glasgow, Scotland.
Ross Mill, Glenelg, Fife, Scotland.
Katherine Holloway, Wiltshire, Essex.
Gary Hopley, Walsall, West Midlands.
Andrew Houskirk, Rochester, Kent.
Philip Hughes, Widnes, Cheshire.
G Kitten, Blackpool, Lancs.

Greg Lawrie, Buckle, Scotland.
Ross McCann, Glasgow, Scotland.
Paul Mosley, Wallasey, Tyne & Wear.
Mrs J Norrington, South Hydon, Sunderland.
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Matthew Rhodes, Winstanley, Derbyshire.
Catherine Rockwell, Reading, Berks.
Matthew Salmon, Collierswood, Tyne & Wear.
Matthew Stewart, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.
Matthew Thornley, Fishponds, Bristol.
Mrs J Waugh, Pilschery, Perthshire, Scotland.
Richard Worrall, Darlington, Co. Durham.
David Yeoman, Lower Bagthorpe, Nottingham.

The following 15 winners will each receive a Street Talk tape:-

Peter Ashworth, Harleston, Norfolk.
Gary Brown, Telford, Shropshire.
Matthew Cardwaine, Cardiff, Wales.
Ann Cornish, Colchester, Essex.
Sally Croswell, Rowhams, Southampton.
Michael Elliot, Warrington, Cheshire.
Glen Fyfe, Birstall, Essex.
Daniel Haley, Canvey Island, Essex.
Robbie Haykin, Wiltshire, Hants.
Glen Hasman, Sheerness, Kent.
Amazda Hill, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.
Mrs J Jenkinson, New Orleans, Notts.
R Jennings, Fishponds, Bristol.
Simon Miller, Darlington, Co. Durham.
Christopher Williams, South Glamorgan, Wales.

Congratulations to the winners,
and thank you to everybody who entered.

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SEGA CHARTS
OFFICIAL
GALLUP
ELSPA

↑ up/down RE/NEW entry ● non mover

MEGA DRIVE

- 1 ● FIFA SOCCER '96
- 2 ● SONIC & KNUCKLES
- 3 ↓ MICRO MACHINES '96
- 4 ↑ PREMIER MANAGER
- 5 ● MICKEY MANIA
- 6 RE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
- 7 ↓ PGA TOUR GOLF '96
- 8 ● ECCO 2: THE TIDES OF TIME
- 9 ↓ MICRO MACHINES 2
- 10 RE STREET RACER

MEGA-CD

- 1 ● EARTHWORM JIM
- 2 ↓ SOULSTAR
- 3 ↓ B.C. RACERS
- 4 ↓ BRUTAL: PAWS OF FURY
- 5 ↓ WORLD CUP USA '94
- 6 RE ROAD AVENGER
- 7 RE SNATCHER
- 8 RE THUNDERHAWK
- 9 ↓ LETHAL ENFORCERS
- 10 ↓ ETERNAL CHAMPIONS

MASTER SYSTEM

- 1 ● SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
- 2 ● STREETS OF RAGE
- 3 RE ECCO THE DOLPHIN
- 4 NEW MASTER OF DARKNESS
- 5 ↓ ASTERIX & THE SECRET MISSION
- 6 ↓ OTIFANT
- 7 ↓ JAMES POND 2 - ROBODOD
- 8 ↓ DESERT SPEED TRAP
- 9 RE DESERT STRIKE
- 10 ↓ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

GAME GEAR

- 1 ● SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
- 2 ● SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
- 3 RE THE LION KING
- 4 ↑ TAZ-MANIA: ESCAPE FROM MARS
- 5 RE MORTAL KOMBAT 2
- 6 RE CJ'S ELEPHANT ANTICS
- 7 RE SONIC CHAOS
- 8 ↓ SONIC DRIFT RACING
- 9 RE MICRO MACHINES 2
- 10 NEW PRIMAL RAGE

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

The Big Decision

COMPLETE STORY

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Art: RICHARD ELSON

Lettering: ELLIE DE'VILLE

IN A SECLUDED SPOT ON THE
EDGE OF THE METROPOLIS
ZONE CITY ...

WHAT?

I ... I'M SORRY
SONIC. I JUST CAN'T GO
ON ANY MORE ...

I
QUIT!

FORGER ...
WHAT'S WRONG
BUDDY?

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING ABOUT,
LEWIS?

WE'RE BATTLING
AGAINST ROBOTNIK FOR
THE SURVIVAL OF PLANET
MOBIUS ... THIS ISN'T SOME
SORT OF GAME!

I ... I'M
SORRY ... REALLY.
I AM!
BEING
HELD CAPTIVE BY
THE BROTHERHOOD OF
METALLIX FOR A MONTH*
WAS JUST TOO MUCH
FOR ME!

SEE 57C #6B - MEGADROID





AT LEAST I
CAN STILL RELY ON
THE CHAOTIX CREW
TO...

HEY,
WHAT'S GOING
ON?

OH, HI
SONIC!

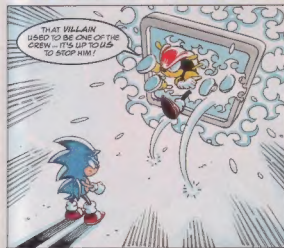


WE HAVE TO
GO! WE JUST GOT WORD
THAT NACK THE WEASEL
HAS ESCAPED FROM
PRISON IN THE SPECIAL
ZONE!

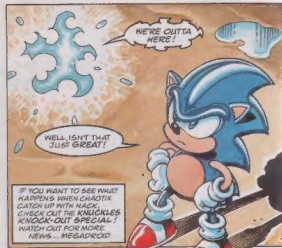
ONE OF THE
OTHER INMATES SAID
HE HAD A MAP OF THE
SANDOPOLIS
ZONE!



SO WE
RECKON WE'RE HEADING
FOR THE FLOATING ISLAND,
YESSIRRE, BOB!



THAT VILLAIN
USED TO BE ONE OF THE
CREW... IT'S UP TO US
TO STOP HIM!



WE'RE OUTTA
HERE!

WELL, ISN'T THAT
JUST GREAT!

IF YOU WANT TO SEE WHAT
HAPPENS WHEN CHAOTIX
CATCH UP WITH NACK,
CHECK OUT THE KNUCKLES
KNOCK-OUT SPECIAL!
WATCH OUT FOR MORE
NEWS... MEGADROID

ZAA-AAK!

AGGGH!

WHEN WE
HEARD REPORTS
OF AN ILLEGALLY PARKED
CARAVAN, WE EXPECTED
TRAVELLERS...

BUT WE'VE
JUST HIT THE JACK-
POT!

NNNNH!

SONIC, WE
HEARD SOME...

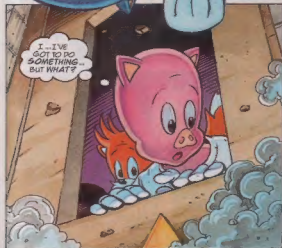
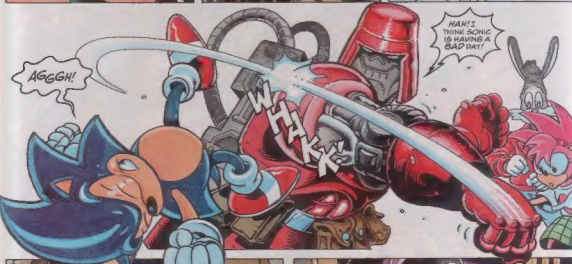
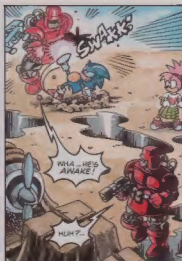
STAY WHERE
YOU ARE OR THE
HEDGEHOGS
GETS IT!

RIGHT...NOW
PUT DOWN YOUR
WEAPONS!

HIH...WHAT'S
HAPPENING? MY
HEAD...

KEEP THEM
COVERED... I'LL
CHECK INSIDE THE
CARAVAN!

OIL NO...



EARLY THE NEXT MORNING.

WELL, PORKER,
I GUESS THIS IS
GOODBYE!

I THINK YOU'LL
ENJOY LIVING ON THE
FLOATING ISLAND...THE EMERALD
HILL FOLK HAVE TURNED THE
MUSHROOM HILL ZONE INTO
AN IMPRESSIVE
PLACE!

I THINK
I WILL TOO,
SONIC.

UH PORKER,
WHAT I WAS SAYING
BEFORE...ABOUT YOU
BEING SOFT...I JUST
WANT TO SAY...

IT'S FORGOTTEN,
SONIC... BESIDES, I AM
SOFT!

HEY BUDDY,
WE WOULDN'T HAVE
YOU ANY OTHER
WAY!

WELL...I'LL SEE
YOU AROUND!

COUNT ON IT,
PORKER!

THE END.

NEXT ISSUE: VOICE
OF THE PEOPLE!

ST GEORGE'S ZONE

SHOW STC WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH IMAGINATION AND A SHEET OF PAPER. DRAWERS WHO GET THEIR ARTWORK PRINTED WILL RECEIVE A PACK OF UNIFIL PEN'S.

What a talented bunch of Boomers you are. First you gave us the Green Zone for St Patrick's Day, now STC selects some eccentrically English entries in time for St George's Day on 23 April.

Tails in shining armour!



Andrew Evans,
Batley, W Yorks.
Crayola Overwriter
Pack Winner.

Sonic wins the Grand National!



Vicki Marsh,
Bedminster, Bristol.
Crayola Overwriter
Pack Winner.

An Ec-king-na's
ransom!



Glen Porter,
N Ireland.
GG Owner.
Crayola
Overwriter
Pack Winner.

KNUCKLES **GHOST SHIP**

Written by
 Story by
 Script by
 Art by
 EDITOR
 COVER BY

CAPTAIN PLUNDERER'S PLANS
TO SEIZ THE TANTARAGOR
IDOL HAVE GONE BADLY WRONG

NOW THE IDOL'S RIGHTFUL
OWNERS HAVE RETURNED

RESOLVE
TO LIT THE IDOL
OR FACE THE
CONSEQUENCES



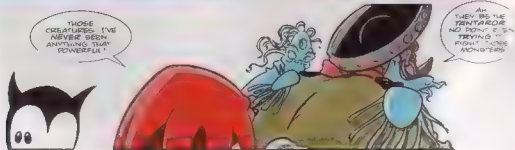
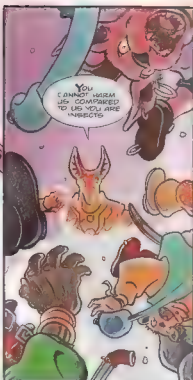
YOU SAID
THIS GHOST SHIP
WAS DESERTED,
PLUNDERER!

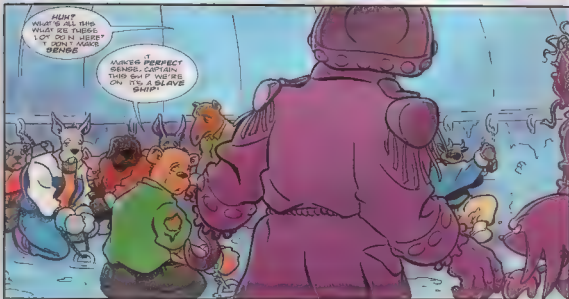
JUST
WHAT HAVE
YOU GOT US INTO,
YOU STUPID
PIRATE?

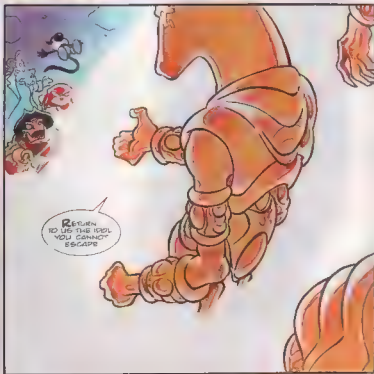
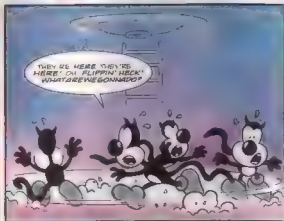
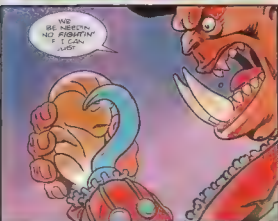


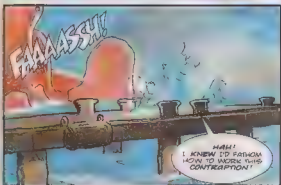
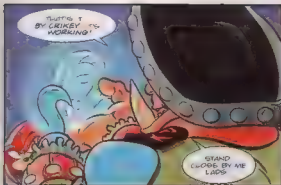
WE'RE
BEHIND YET
NOT BY A LONG
CHALK! GET THEM
MATES!











SHINING FORCE

THE CURSE
OF ZEON

PAGE 4

IN THE SACRIFICE
DUG BENEATH THE TOWN
OF RIBBLE A SINISTER
RITUAL TAKES PLACE

BEHOLD
THE "MASS" OF
ZEON

BEHOLD
OUR MASTER!

SOON I WILL BE FREE FROM MY NEVER ENDING
IMPRISONMENT IN THE ABYSS!

ONCE THE ANCIENT TOWER ON GRANBSAL
ISLAND IS DESTROYED THE SEAL WHICH
HOLDS ME HERE WILL BE BROKEN!

ONLY THESE FOUR
KNOW ANYTHING
OF OUR PLANS

THE SHINING FORCE
SLIDED HERE BY THE
ESCAPED ROBOT ZEON

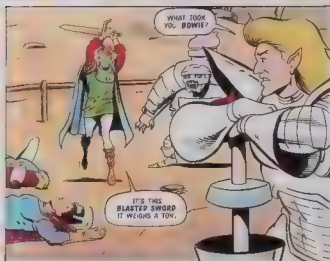
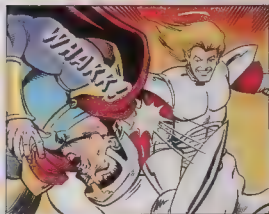
AS WE SPEAK THEY ARE PLANNING TO
BREAK INTO THIS VERY CHAMBER!

ONLY TWO
GUARDS THIS
IS GOING TO
BE EASY

ATTACK!

WAIT A MINUTE CHESTER
HAVEN'T GOT THIS DARN
SWORD DRAWN YET!

WHAT?



IT'S THIS
BLASTED SWORD
IT WEIGHS A TON.



IT'S A LONG
STORY

THE SHINING FORCE HAVE ENTERED THE TUNNELS
HOPE YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR THIS KADAVAAH!

IT IS MY HAND
MASTER

I HAVE SENT SOME OF MY BEST MEN THEY
ARE ARMED WITH THESE MAGIC WANDS!

THIS ANCIENT SITE IS FILLED
WITH MANY DEVICES OF
SUCH UNIMAGINABLE
POWER!

AND AT THAT VERY
MOMENT IN THE
MARRY TUNNELS

STOP RIGHT
THERE!

STAND BACK
I'LL TAKE CARE
OF THIS ONE!

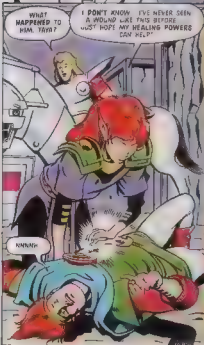
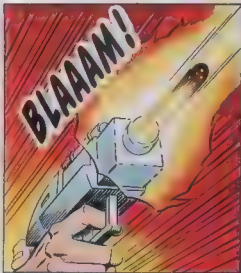
I KNEW
IT WAS A
MISTAKE
FOR US TO
SPILL UP

STAY
WHERE YOU
ARE.

BOWE
BE CAREFUL
HE'S HOLDING
SOMETHING!

HAH!
WHAT HARM
CAN THAT
TITTLE THING
DO?

I AM
WARNING
YOU





I GROW IMPATIENT
KADVAAR! YOU SAID YOU
HAD DISCOVERED ANCIENT
SORCERY POWERFUL ENOUGH
TO DESTROY THE TOWER

HAVE MASTER
PROMISE YOU



GOOP! THEN I SHALL NOT CONTACT
YOU IN THIS MANNER AGAIN THE NEXT
TIME SEE YOU I SHALL BE FREE!

FREE TO TAKE
REVENGE ON ALL
MY ENEMIES

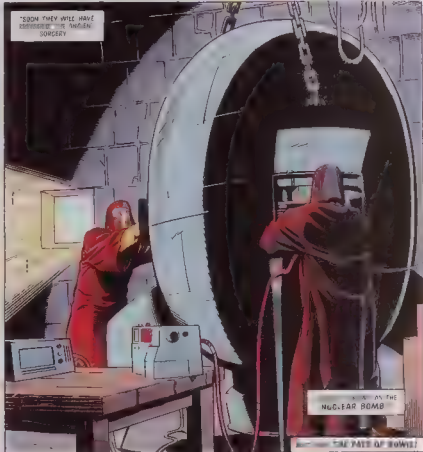


THIS MYSTICAL
DEVICE OF YOURS
HAD BETTER WORK
KADVAAR!

I CANNOT FAIL
I TRANSLATED THE
TEXTS PERSONALLY
WE HAVE DISCOVERED
THE MOST POWERFUL
SORCERY OF THE
ANCIENTS!



AS WE SPEAK MY ADOLYTES
ARE SECRETLY AT WORK IN
THE ANCIENT TOWER ON
GRANDSEAL ISLAND



SOON THEY WILL HAVE
REACHED THE ANCIENT
SORCERY

AS IN THE
NUCLEAR BOMB

THE FACE OF BOWIE!



Q ZONE

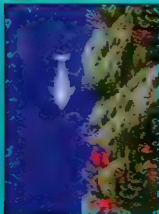
Q IS FOR QUESTION.

Q IS FOR QUERY.

Q IS FOR QUANDARY.

IF YOU WANT TO ENTER THE Q ZONE FOR HINTS, TIPS AND HELP WITH YOUR FAVOURITE SEGA GAMES, DROP A LINE TO:-

Q ZONE, SONIC THE COMIC, 25-31 TWISTOCK PLACE, LONDON, WC1N 3SB.



ECCO

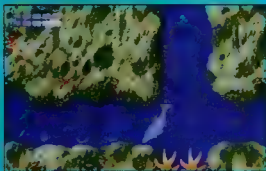
THE DOLPHIN



MEGA
DRIVE

STC presents the second
splashing part of Chris
Jones' pool of passwords
so for all of you still in

deep water with the classic Ecco the Dolphin game
don your wet suit and plunge in

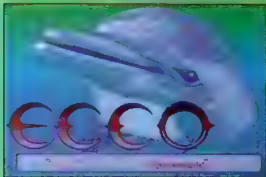


CLASSIC GAMES TIPS REVISITED

The codes and cheats listed below are guaranteed to be accurate. Pay attention when entering them and you will get the most from Ecco's aquatic antics!

So, to name just a few of our fans: Ian Jackson from Teignmouth, Christopher Coulstock from South Glamorgan, Karen Mayes from Kent, Andrew Chan from Cambridge and Luke Ruby from Devon, here's what you want to know about the original Ecco game.

A top tip is to bear in mind that the Ecco game is a puzzle solving adventure, as is Ecco: The Tides of Time. If there is something on a level that you have never seen before, such as a swimming turtle, odds are that you will require it to solve a puzzle and move on to the next stage. Look around and use your resources. Also, always use your Echolocation if you cannot find something. Go to each corner of the screen and map away!

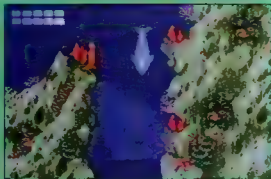
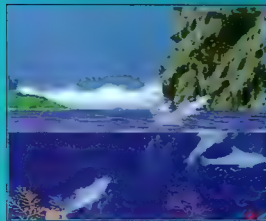




LEVEL NAME

PASSWORDS

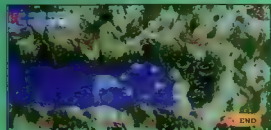
1	The Undercaves	WEPIONMO
2	The Undercaves 2	DDDIACCT
3	The vents	YFPA\FBJ
4	The Lagoon	DNIELFBG
5	Ridge Water	TWLDVRET
6	Open Ocean	FSSDVRET
7	Ice Zone	RYLFRFC
8	Hard Water	NIFBYREL
9	Cold Water	ARNXXRET
10	Island Zone	HJABVRES
11	Deep Water	EGTHVREA



LEVEL NAME

PASSWORDS

12	The Marble Sea	CWR,XRES
13	The Library	FENPXREB
14	Deep City	BTFIXREZ
15	City of Forever	PAY,XREZ
16	Jurassic Beach	QQZTAPER
17	Pterandon Pond	EITXAPEV
18	Origin Beach	JTQBBPEY
19	Trilobite Circle	YZNGBPEK
20	Dark Water	JBKNBPFB
21	Deep Water	WSGAKNLC
22	City of Forever	RLG,GP,Z
23	The Tube	GCHXKM,J
24	The Machine	DKJDKMLR
25	The Last Fight	KTPN,M,M



NEXT ISSUE: MICRO MACHINES '96.

TAILS IS ESCORTING TANTRUM THE MOUSE BACK TO HIS HOME IN THE METROPOLIS ZONE, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY A BOUNTY HUNTER NAMED FLEASYTE

TAILS!

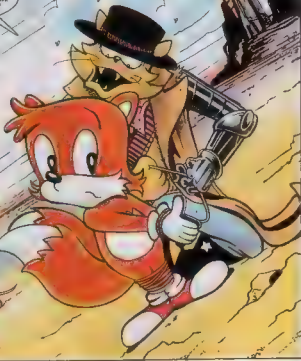
LEO STOKER

Coloring
JOHN W. BERRY

FOX ON THE RUN

YOU CRITTERS SURE WILL FETCH ME A BIG REE-WARD FROM DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! ESPECIALLY YOU, FOX-HYUK.

YEAH! YOU'RE EXPECTING ROBOTNIK TO HONOUR HIS DEBTS THEN, FLEASYTE?



WATCH WHITT YUH SAY ABOUT OUR GLOUOUS RULER, VARRANT! AIN'T NOBODY FAIRER THAN THE GOOD DOC AN THATS A FACT!

WONDERED I'D MEET ANYONE STUPID ENOUGH TO BELIEVE ROBOTNIK'S SIDE OF THE STORY



SQB! WE'RE NOT GONNA GET OUT OF THIS ONE ARE WE, TAILS?

ERM... I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING, TANTRUM.



I'VE GOT TO FIGURE A WAY OUT OF THIS. TANTRUM IS DEPENDING ON ME!



C'MONE
ANOTHER FEW
MILES AN' I CAN HAND
YUM IN FER A FAT
REWARD! HYUK,
HYUK!

IF
YOU WERE A
PROPER BOUNTY
HUNTER YOU'D HAVE
A HORSE! OW
OUCH!

CRASH!

SILT
YUM SQUEAKIN'.
RODENT 'LL BUY LOTS
OF HORSES WHEN AH GETS
THE MONEY FER YOU
TWO! HYUK!

NOW'S MY
CHANCE

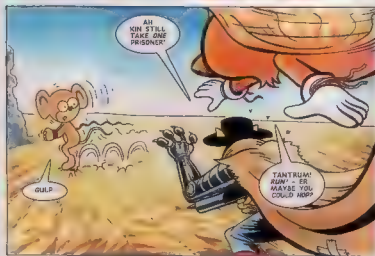
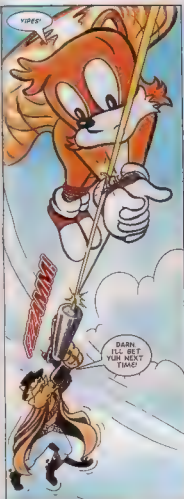
YOU
MAY HAVE TIED
MY ARMS AND LEGS
BUT YOU I-FORGOT
ABOUT MY TAIL,
DUMBO!

WHU-?
COME BACK
HERE, FOX

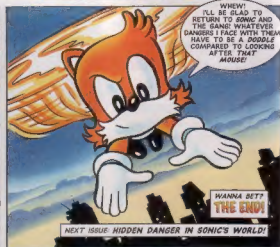
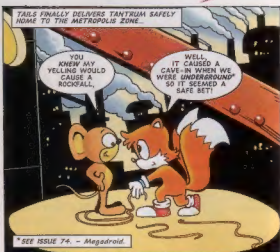
LET'S SEE
HOW YOU LIKE BEING
PULLED ALONG,
FLEABYTE

WHOOAAA!

DARN
VARMINT 'LL
BLAST YUM
OUTTA THE
SKY







SPEED LINES

EITHER POST YOUR MAIL TO:-
SPEEDLINES, SONIC THE COMIC, 25/31 TAVISTOCK PLACE, LONDON WC1H 8SU.
OR USE THE E-MAIL SERVICE (SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS).



Yvonne Waddell, Glasgow, Scotland.
MD owner.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

DOG GONE!

Dear Megadroid,

STC 72's scratch 'n' sniff sticker was terrible! My dog took one whiff and ran off faster than Sonic and Knuckles put together!

Karl Jones, Gwynedd, Wales.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.




In this case, Karl, I'm glad I only have a sense of humour, and not a sense of smell!

TIGHT FISTED KNUCKLES!

Dear Megadroid,

Please could you tell me Knuckles' surname, age and birthplace as I am the tax collector for the Floating Island, and it seems to me that he needs to pay his bills!

 The Tax Inspector (Adam Hodgson),
Twickenham, Middlesex.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



Not even an echidna escapes paying tax, eh?

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Dear Megadroid,

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Jason Francis, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.
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